



**An Roinn Gnóthaí  
Eachtracha agus Trádála**  
Department of  
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: FOI/Req/2020/143

31 July 2020

Dear Ms Matthews

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

*Who invited the Tanaiste to the launch of the strategic co-operation agreement between Irish Breeze, Ovelle and Emerald Green Baby and the Chinese cross-border ecommerce platform NetEase Kaola to sell their brands online in China on the 15th March 2018, on what date did the Tanaiste receive his invitation, what details was he given about the event, did his office provide any funding or assistance for the event, did his office notify any media about the event or ask that any media attend the event?*

*All correspondence and documents in relation to the launch of the co-operation agreement between Irish Breeze, Ovelle and Emerald Green Baby and the Chinese cross-border ecommerce platform NetEase Kaola to sell their brands online in China.*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 16 July 2020.

Enterprise Ireland coordinated a programme of events which Minister Coveney attended during his St Patrick's Day visit to China in 2018. As a result of Enterprise Ireland managing the event referenced in your request, the Department of Foreign Affairs only holds a small number of records in relation to it.

I have identified three records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant all three of the records.

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to [foi@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.ie). A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at [foi@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.ie), or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely

Shane Griffin